## A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

A DISCOURSE ENTITLED "IS THE CLD BOOK FROM GOD?"

Some of the Evidences That the Book We Call the Bible Has Been Given to Us by the Inspiration of God-It is Peculiarly Man's Book.

PHILADELPHIA. -- The Rev. Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, preached a strong ser-mon Sunday morning on "Is the Old Book and strongest churches in the land. It was presided over for thirty years by Dr. George Dana Boardman, who was succeed ed about eight years ago by Dr. Tupper Two years ago, at a cost of nearly \$400,000 a magnificent house of worship was erected and \$150,000 endowment laid aside. congregations are very large, especially in the evening. The text for this sermon was from First Thessalonians ii-13: "We thank God without ceasing because when ye received the word of God ye received it not as the word of man, but as it is in truth, the word of God." Dr. Tupper

Ancient history has preserved the tra-dition that when, thirty centuries ago, the city of Troy was sacked by the Greeks, the conquerors made the general proclamation that each of the inhabitants thereof be permitted to save a single article of property especially dear to his own heart. Taking advantage of the offer, Acueas selected his household gods and carried them in triumph and for joy to a place of safety. So pleased were the Greeks by this unaffected act of piety that they extended to him further indulgence, al lowing him to save one other thing, when, returning in haste, he bore off on his shoulders his aged father, whose wisdom and affection constituted for him a price-

less inheritance. Were the traditions thus related to repeat itself in history to-day and the priv ilege granted every genuine Christian be-liever, in a supposed season of calamity and privation, to make a selection of that one possession most highly prized by him, both because of its intrinsic value and its immortal influence, the truest wisdom would dictate a peculiar and, to thousands, an inexplicable choice. This choice would not be silver or gold, military fame or civic honor, profound learning or matchless eloquence; this choice would not be even father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter, friend or lover; precious as might be each of these, it would not be the one thing wisely chosen if the choice were made both for time and eternity What then would the one thing be Strange as it may seem to many, the calm, firm, heaven guided, intelligent choice of the earnest, thankful Christian in that solemn, sacred hour, would be a certain book—a book ancient and artless, elevating and ennobling, divine and dur-

As I utter this sentence you anticipate the designation I am about to make. You need not be told that. This book is no work of mere poetry, neither Iliad nor Odyssey, Milton's Odes nor Snarespeare's plays; no work of mere history, neither Livy nor Tacitus, Hallam nor Hume; no work of mere philosophy, neither Bacon nor Hamilton, Descartes nor Locke; no book of mere biography, neither Plutarch nor Lamartine, Remusat nor Voltaire; no book of mere romance, neither George Eliot nor Scott, Bulwer nor Thackeray; no book of mere ethics, neither Plato nor Seneca, Paily nor Bain; no book of Christian morality and meditation, neither Thomas a Kempis' "Imitation of Christ" nor Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Hook-er's "Homilies" nor Paschal's "Thoughts" great and good as are many if not all of these, immortal works some of them, sing like grand and majestic mountain aks, catching and presenting to the peaks, catching and presenting to the world the glorious splendors of the highest human genius-we could see them and all else of man's creation burn into ashes or buried in the sea, if at their expense we might save to our hearts and lives here and hereafter that one single book. which has an origin and a character and a mission and a destiny as far above every work of man's creation as the skies are above the clouds—that book whose "author is God. whose subject is man, whose object is salvation, whose end eternity"that book of which Pollock, in an out burst of poetic fervor and Christian faith, so feelingly writes:

This lamp from off the everlasting throne Mercy took down, and in the night of

Stood casting on the dark and gracious And forever more beseeching men with And earnest sighs, to hear, believe and

live.

Surely, brethren, this must be the book of all books, which, while full and rich with the sweetest strains of poetry, the most memorable deeds of history, the most inexhaustible stores of philosophy, the most thrilling incidents of biography, the loftiest principles of ethical and moral teaching, counts no one of these its fea-tures of chiefest glory, but rather this: That for centuries it has gone up and down this world of ours, relieving human consciences, illuminating human intellects, redeeming human spirits, transforming hu man lives, and that, in so beautiful and glorious a degree, that the thinking world is beginning to accept the statement of Schleimermacher, "To abolish the Bible is to pluck up ly the roots all that is noblest and truest and divinest in the world's civilization."

Oh! if there is one prayer that I offer up daily with more constancy and fervor of soul than another in our age of theo-logical ferment and unrest, it is this: God. neep me as an ambassador of Christ and the great protherhood of Christian believers, true now and always to the infallible Word of the Lternal God. As in the past, supernatural revelation has had to con-tend against the sophisms of Hume and the transcendental philosophy of Ger-many, so to-day, all about us there are those who battle against the idea of a living, personal, omnipotent Jehovah, who can and does freely and fully communicate with His children; and to-day there is a call long and loud for those who accept the Bible as the full and satisfactory oracle from heaven, to stand up and out against all these attacks, and that, too,

with convictions strong and unshaken. With you to-day I come to consider the question, What are some of the evidences question, What are some of the evidences that the Book we call the Bible has been given by inspiration of God? I say some, for we have no time, even if we had the ability, to enumerate them all. That these sacred writers themselves believe that theirs were the oracles of God is without question. Hear David sing: "The spirit of the Lord spake by me and His word was in my tongue;" and Isaiah, "Hear, oh heavens, and give ear, oh earth, for the Lord has spoken, the mouth of the Lord hath spoken;" and Ezekiel, "The Word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel, the priest and the hand of the Lord was not him:" and Peter, after the death of Judas, "Men and brethren, the Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake pefore concerning Judas;" and Paul would speak, "not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Hor Ghost teacheth." And how our Lord throws the "broad shield of His infallible truthfulness" over the whole Old Testament canon, testifying both to the accuracy and the inviolability of the Word of God. The Old Testament was then, as now, divided into the Law, the Prophets and the sacred writings. Holding up the scroll that contained these, the Master of the ages with firmness of conviction of the ages with firmness of coarse "It and rapture of soul, could exclaim: "It is written." Search the Scriptures, the is written." With the Scriptures cannot be broken. With the happiness. Every spirit of these our consecrated presented brighter world.

sors, in Christian faith, let us rejoice te-day as we study the divinity and inspiration of the Word of God. Among the substantial truths of Bible inspiration is the pure and lofty character of the teaching that stamp and glorify and perpetuate the pages of this more than human bookteachings respecting God and man, holiness and sin, death and eternity. How the whole circle of religious truth from centre to circumference, is not only touched, but filled up by the revelations of this inspired

Take the one question of the Godhead and the light thrown upon it by the sacred Scriptures. As Dr. Stuart Robinson has eloquently said, "The Bible maintained the unity of God amid all the darkness of the Western polytheism; the vivid personality or God amid all the sophistry of the Eastern pantheism; and ineffable purity of the holiness of God amid all the obscurity of Egyptian theories and Canaanitish idolatry; the omnipresence of God amid all the theories of gods many and lords many." How infinitely above and beyond all human speculations are the revelations of the Divine Word respecting the Divine mind! How majestic such declarations as these: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; before the mountains were brought forth of ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting. Thou are God;" "God is a spirit;" "God is love;" "God is light." In a magnificent treatise on this fundamental question of God and the revelations respecting it made by the Scriptures, an American writer has pointed out five conceptions of God found in the Bible, and found no-where else among all the religions ef earth. ...ear and weigh these:

(1) God is a spirit, existing from eternity, Creator of heaven and carth; (2) God is one, yet revealing Himself in the threefold distinction and personality, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; (3) God is absolutely infinite in all His attributes and capacities-in power omnipotent, in knowledge omniscient, in existence omnipresent, in purpose immutable, in character immaculate; the embodiment of all that is good and great; the impersonation of all excellence; (4) Cod is providential, not far off and inaccessible, careless of seif-acting laws and untouched by human woes, but a God of sympathy, compassion, love; a God, who, in all His laws, and behind all His laws, and above all His laws, and in control of all His laws, not only guards cherubim and seraphim angels and archangels, but also marks the movement of lily, sparrow and child; and above all, God is a Redeemer, living and dving among men in self-sacrifice ineffable, to lift them from darkness to light, from sin to glory; in short not a mere ideal of a cod to worship but a God with whom every human soul may have personal, con-scious relations, a God to fear, a God to love, a God to pray to, a God to obey— God so holy that we muct abandon sin if we would serve Him, and a God so loving that our very sin has moved Him to a self-denying atonement. Truly, this Book that tells so much about God must

be a book from God. Because it is God's Book, the Bible is peculiarly man's book, when man would rise to loftiest conceptions and highest achievements. It is wonderful how our whole English literature has become permeated, saturated and elevated by sentiments and expressions from the Holy scriptures. One of the most interesting studies to the student, alike of the Bible and of Shakespeare, is the indebtedness of the Bard of Avon to these oracles of light and life. A careful study of Shakes-peare's life reveals no fewer than five hundred and fifty biblical quotations and sentiments. Here in "Richard II." are forty-nine; vonder in "Hamlet" alone, eighty-two. How many biblical books are there? Sixty-sir. From how many does Shakespeare quote, or to how many does he re-fer? To fifty-four. How many plays has Shakespeare? Thirty-seven. In how many are there Scrintural references? In every one of the thirty-seven. A careful study of this subject will reveal that Genesis furnishes the poet thirty-one quotations or references; Psalms, fifty-nine; Proverbs, thirty-five; Isaiah, twenty-one; Matthew, sixty; Luke, thirty; Romans, twenty three. Nor is this exceptional. A schol-arly American author has declared that it is as impossible to subtract the Bible from our mouern English literature as "to unbraid the sunbeams or subtract the yellow or vielet rays from the tides of light that fill the solar system with warmth and Each English student knows how cheer. true this is. Without the Bible Milton could never have written his "Paradise Lost" and "Samson Agonistes." With-Lost" and "Samson Agonistes." With-out the Bible Bunyan could never have composed his "Pilgrim," or Tacit his "Jerusalem." or Dante his "Inferno," or Burns his "Cotter's Saturday Night." No wonder John Quincy Adams could ex-claim: "In whatever light we view the Bible, whether with reference to revelation or history or morality, it is a mine of knowledge, like which none other has ever been found in any land or any realm." No wonder that Daniel Webster, prince of forensic orators, could say that the perusal of the Bible in his early days imparted to him many of the chief excellencies of his literary style. No wonder that the gifted Choate elequently ex-claimed: "I would have the Bible read, not only for its authority, revelations, commands and exactness obligatory ves-terday, to-day and forever, but for its literature, its pathos, its dim imagery, its sayings of consolation and wisdom and universal truth." Truly this Book of books must be the Book of God.

But we have a higher proof of biblical inspiration even than this, and that is the perfect adaptness of the Word of God to the conditions of all classes and kinds of men. Dr. Storrs well says: "The treatise of Plato on immorality is attractive of the conditions of th tive to the scholar, but obscure and dull to the unlettered man; the Veda of the Hindus is, as a whole, unintelligible; the Koran is said to be a sealed book to the majority of its constituents. In contrast to all these, the Bible fills the whole circumference of man's endowment; it touches every thought and feeling in this great humanity; it is adapted to inspire sage, to instruct the savage, to guide the child." Truly, this is a universal book, answering man's deepest questions, solving man's most intricate problems, illuminating man's most darkest hours, giving him support in life, peace in death, and a song of sweetest melody amid the ineffable glory of the eternal world. The self-ted Hallam fall this warm has a sixty gifted Hallam felt this wann he said:
"The Bible fits every fold and crevice of
the human spirit." Not so philosophy, education, science. Our astronomers point out Uranus and Jupiter, but not the Star of Bethlehem. Our geologists unfold earth's strata, but reveal no Rock of Ages. Charles Reade, the litterateur, writes the first line of his own epitaph. "Reade, Dramatist, Journalist, Novelist." but Charles Reade, the Christian, pens the other line: 'I hope for a resurrection, not from any power of nature, but from the will of the Lord God Almighty." Whence came that revelation save through the dome window of the sky? \_ne Bible alone answers our deepest questions, solves our most intri-cate problems, illumines our darkest hours. There can be no night when it gives no song, no desert where it furnishes no fountain. Its revelations supply support in life, peace in death and songs of everlasting joy beyond life. No heart is too hard for its truths to meit, no sin too great for the Bible to banish, no life too degraded for the Bible to transform. Only let a man test God's Word and he will have in its favor an argument that no sophistry can destroy and no skepticism touch.

The Reart's Influence.

If there is joy in your heart, let it shine n your face. This is one of the lesser in your face. This is one of the lesser ministries of love—the cheering power of happiness. Every bright face makes a

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Kitchen Comforts.

Don't forget to provide a few cushions in washing covers for the kitchen. If there be space, have there a couple of basket chairs, but at any rate have the cushions. The backs of servants are quite as apt to ache as those of other people, and a cushion or two will make it much more easy to rest when the opportunity to do so comes.

The Kitchen Walls.

No one in these days thinks of papering or whitewashing a kitchen. The walls should be oil painted in a flat finish-that is, without varnish-and if it is properly done they may be washed freely without injury to the surface. There are also several patent wall coverings resembling light oilcloth that are put on like paper.

To ... Jelly Glasses.

A bright housekeeper has discovered a new system of labeling jelly and preserve glasses. She buys a roll of white passepartout binding for about eight cents. This is well gummed on one side, and she uses as long or as. short a piece as the label calls for. The pasting process is much more quickly gotten through with than when separate labels are used.

A New Vegetable.

A new vegetable which is beginning to appear on American tables somewhat resembles a Jerusalem artichoke, and is called the Japanese crosne. It did originally come from Japan, but is now. cultivated rather extensively in France, from which land of delicate feasting it has reached these shores. Crosnes are described as being about two inches long and less than an inch in diameter at the thickest part. They look something like stubby little spindles. Uncooked they are used as garnishes for salads, and with a French dressing as as a salad by themselves. In Japanthey are all pickled. When they become known other uses will doubtless be found for them.-New York Post.

Italian Uses of Olive Qil.

"In Italy, where olive oil is cheap," says a housewife, who spent a year there, "even the poorer people use it in every sort of a way. Always when I had a chance I watched an Italian cook at work, and I got many ideas I have since adapted in my own kitchen. For instance, a tablespoon of oil costs no more than two tablespoons of butter, and it is vastly superior for a saute. Potatoes, shrimps, smelts, bananas, almost anything we saute, are so much better cooked in oil that you would never go back to butter. Then, in a puree of beans, tomato or peas, a tablespoon of oil added just before it is poured in the tureen gives a velvety noothness without a trace of greasiness, which you often have with cream or butter. I always use oil with flour, instead of butter, to form the base of a tomato, cream or brown sauce. When finishing a scalloped dish, I toss the crumbs which are to form the top layer in a tablespoon of hot oil, till they are thoroughly greased; the result is a crust most delicately brown and crisp." -Good Housekeeping.



Maple Sugar Frosting-Add sufficient water to one and one-half cupfuls of maple sugar to keep it from burning; let it boil until it will be brittle in cold water; beat the white of one egg until stiff; then beat it slowly into the boiling syrup, beating it until it is thick and cold; spread between and on top of layer cake.

Quick Graham Bread-Beat one egg, add one-fourth cupful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one cupful of milk, one cupful of molasses, flour, one cupful of wheat flour, four level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one tablespoonful of melted butter; turn into buttered pans and bake forty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

Mustard Cream Dressing Stir together one cupful of milk, yolks of three eggs, one tablespoonful of mustard, one tablespoonful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter and two and one-half level tablespoonfuls o: corn starch; pour over one cupful of hot vinegar; cook in the double boiler until thickened. If too thick when cold add cold milk or cream.

Apple Puffs-Beat two eggs; add to them one plat of milk and flour enough to make a drop batter; add two level teaspoonfuls of baking powder or one level teaspoonful for each cup of flour; add a little salt; put a little of the batter in each cup, then a little of chopped apples, then pour over some batter; steam one hour; serve with lcmon sauce.

Spice Pudding-Four cupfuls of bread crumbs, half a cupful of milk, one cupful of molasses, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, half a teaspoonful of cloves, very little allspice, half a small nutmeg, grated; dissolve half a teaspoonful of soda in half a cup of boiling water; add to the mixture, with two eggs, one cupful of suet, one cupful of raisins, stoned, and flour; fill moulds two-thirds full and steam three

hours. Curote Pudding-Two eggs, onefourth pound of powdered sugar, onequarter pound of butter, one-quarter pound of flour and one-fourth teaspoonful of soda; separate eggs, beat yolks and sugar together; beat butter to a cream and beat into the eggs and sugar; whip whites of eggs stiff, add them to the butter mixture, then add flour and soda; beat carefully; fill buttered earthen cups two-thirds full and bake forty-five minutes.

TERRAPIN TRAPS.

A New Device for Exterminating the Diamond Back.

The terrapin hunters have adopted new method for catching terrapin, and what few are left in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries will soon be in the terrapin pounds. The new device is a trap constructed about on the same principle as the eel pot. The body of the trap is constructed of wire and the entrance of twine, so woven that the terrapins easily enter, but find it impossible to get out. The trap is then filled with bait, for the most part crushed crabs, and set in the marsh where terrapins have been located. The terrapin hunter walks through the marsh and discovers his game by the protruding heads, as the terrapins are compelled to come to the surface to breathe. Many of them are drowned in these traps, and one hunter states that he has seen twentytwo drowned in this manner during the present summer. A terrapin cannot live in one of these traps over three hours, and thus the hunter must be on the move constantly if he would preserve his game alive. Terrapins are also being caught in purse nets, but these cannot be used in shallow streams successfully on account of the numerous stumps of trees on the bottom. One hunter made a large haul with a fyke some weeks ago. He saw a large number of terrapin going up a narrow marsh stream and knew that it was useless to follow them at once on account of the numerous deep holes which rendered the terrapin practically safe from pursuit. He therefore stopped up the stream with the exception of one narrow outlet, in which he placed his tyke. Night after night he waited patiently for the terrapin to come down. At length one night there came a heavy rain, and the terrapin came down with a rush, so that he caught more of them then he had caught at one time for many years. Baltimore Sun.

## The Baby's First Tooth.

It is a funny craze that urges the wearing of baby's first milk-tooth, but this is positively rampant among deep ly devoted Parislan mammas." The shedding of the chrst tooth is most carefully watched for, and afterward this pearly trifle is handed over to the jewelers Hespolishes and trims the little tooth until it has all the appearance of a gem, and in a ring it takes the place of a fewel. Some rings are of plain gold, with only the tooth as an ernament, but more often baby's first milk togth forms the center in a marquise ring of diamonds and a hoop ring has been seen containing five little teeth taking their positions among large diamonds.

POETRY REDUCED TO ITS "GRAB one a bestake tun.

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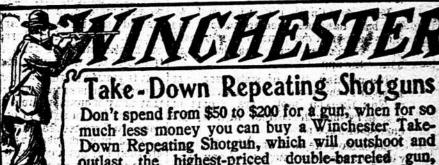
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